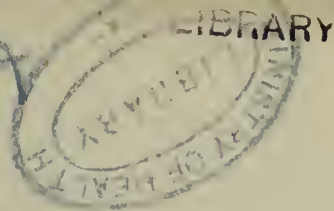


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REPORT

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THE MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

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URBAN DISTRICT OF HORNSEA

YEAR, 1948.



HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of  
Hornsea.

Sir, or Madam,

I beg to present my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

I feel that an apology is due to the members of the Council for the delay in compiling this report. The coming into operation of the National Health Service Act, 1946, in the middle of the year has thrown a considerable strain upon the medical profession, particularly the general medical practitioner, which it is to be hoped will be mitigated as the many provisions of the Act come into operation and work smoothly.

Consideration of the vital statistics shows that the birth rate per 1000 was the lowest since 1940. The death rate is considerably higher than that of the country as a whole and is unquestionably due to the high proportion of retired persons resident in the district. The fact that nearly two thirds of the deaths are due to heart disease, intracranial vascular disease and cancer, diseases which chiefly affect those in the later decades of life gives weight to the above assumption.

There has been a comparative freedom from serious notifiable infectious disease. Measles was prevalent throughout the last three quarters of the year and accounted for the majority of the notifications. One case of diphtheria occurred in an adult this being the first case notified since 1945.



Rainfall.

The rainfall for the year was 25.42 inches this being an average figure for the district. The fall was fairly evenly distributed in the four quarters ; the heaviest rainfall was in June - 4.50 inches and the lowest in March - 0.88 inches.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area - 3292 acres inclusive of inland water.

Resident population as computed by the Registrar-General  
mid 1948 - 4888.

Number of inhabited houses - 1951

Rateable Value - £38316

Sum represented by a penny rate - £146.9.3d.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live Births	66	32	34
Legitimate	63	32	31
Illegitimate	3	0	3
Still Births	1	1	0

Birth rate per 1000 estimated population - 13.5

Birth rate per 1000 total (live and still births) - 13.7

Birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 civilian  
population - 17.9

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Deaths	79	39	40

Death rate per 1000 estimated population - 16.1

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 civilian  
population - 10.8

Deaths from puerperal sepsis - 0

Deaths from other puerperal causes - 0

Deaths from cancer - 10



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Deaths from measles - 0  
Deaths from whooping cough - 0  
Deaths from diarrhoea under two years - 0  
Deaths of infants under 1 year - 3

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Certain changes in the Health Services chiefly of an administrative nature have necessarily taken place owing to the coming into operation of the National Health Service Act on the 5th July. The War Memorial Cottage Hospital has ceased to be managed on a voluntary basis and is now administered by the East Riding Group Hospital Management Committee.

The district is now served by two nurses whose duties embrace domiciliary midwifery, home nursing and health visiting. The Hornsea and District Nursing Association ceased to function on the appointed day, its duties being taken over by the County Council under Section 23 of the Health Act.

Owing to the closure of the Isolation Hospital at Driffield cases of infectious disease are now received at the Hull Corporation Infectious Diseases Hospital.

The district is served by one ambulance which is staffed on an immediate call out basis during the day and an "on call" basis during the night. It is managed by the local ambulance committee.





## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

### Water.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Hull Corporation and distributed by the Council. The supply is chlorinated at its source by the Hull Corporation.

quantity registered by meter during the year - 62,601,000 gallons.  
Maximum weekly consumption - 1,830,000 gallons.  
Minimum weekly consumption - 1,067,000 gallons.  
Average daily consumption - 171,000 gallons.  
New Services connected during the year - 104.

Two samples of treated water have been examined bacteriologically and both found to be satisfactory.

New water mains were laid down for a further 80 houses on the Hornsea Burton Housing Site.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

The drainage system has functioned efficiently throughout the year. Sewers on the Hornsea Burton Housing Site have been constructed on the separate system in order to deal with surface water in times of heavy rainfall.

The commencement of work on the outfall sewer has been delayed owing to the difficulty in obtaining pipes of the requisite size.

There are only a few cesspools situated in outlying parts of the district.

### Public Cleansing.

House refuse is disposed of by incineration. The material is



collected by motor transport at weekly intervals or thereabouts, no difficulty being experienced in maintaining this weekly service except during the summer months when there is a large influx of visitors to the district.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>No. in District.</u>
Bakehouses	17	4
Drainage Works	53	
Rats and Mice	31	
Shops	19	133
Water Supplies	613	
Dwelling Houses	447	1684
Food Premises	41	
Moveable Dwellings	651	500

### Camping Sites..

Number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during the year	...	...	...	...	6
Number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269, public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	6
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season	...	...	...	...	2000
Estimated number of caravans, sheds, etc. which were used as permanent dwellings in the area	...	...	...	...	80



Three of the camping sites are situated on the cliffs south of the town and are not provided with a sewerage system. Sanitary accommodation is limited to the use of chemical closets the contents being disposed of as manure by the proprietor on his farm lands.

### Schools.

The extension to the Hornsea County Primary School has been connected to the water mains and drainage connections made.

### Housing.

#### Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	214
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	227
(2)		Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... ..	0
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	2
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation ... ..	25

#### Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	163
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	13
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) by Owners ... ..	11
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners ..	0
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	25
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) by Owners ... ..	21
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners ..	0
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	0
(2) Number of Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	0
(d) Proceedings under Section 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ..	0





### New Houses.

Progress during the year has been satisfactory and those applicants whose need for accommodation was most urgent have been provided with houses. The Ministry of Health return, dated 30th September, 1948, relating to the number of permanent houses erected by the various local authorities since the war places Hornsea seventh in the list, a position with which the Council may be justly gratified.

### Houses Completed during the Year.

No houses of prefabricated type have been completed and none are in course of erection.

	Permanent Houses.	Average Cost per House.
By Local Authority.	98	£1500 plus cost of land, roads & sewers
By Private Enterprise.	6	Not yet ascertained

### Houses in Course of Erection at the end of the Year.

	Permanent Houses.	Average Cost per House.
By Local Authority.	80	Problematical
By Private Enterprise.	5	

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Inspection and Supervision of Food.Milk Supply.

Number of Cowkeepers on the register	...	...	...	...	6
Number of inspections of cowsheds	...	...	...	...	14
Number of dairymen (other than cowkeepers)-					
on the register	...	...	...	...	5
Number of inspections of dairy premises	...	...	...	...	15

Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Orders.

	Found during year.	Remedied during Year.
Cleansing	1	1
Structural Alterations	2	2
Utensils	0	0
Other Matters	0	0



Bacteriological and Biological Examination of Samples of Milk.

No. samples taken.	Methylene Blue Test		Presence or absence of B. Coli.		Phosphatase Test.		Biological Exam.	
	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.
9	6	1	5	2	1 no result		1 no result	

Ice Cream Premises.

Number of manufacturers of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	2
Number of inspections of ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	23

Bye-Laws.

The following is a list of bye-laws in force in the district and the date of approval :-

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|----|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Pleasure Boats.                | 3rd May, 1865.        |
| 2. | Promenade Gardens.             | 12th November, 1900.  |
| 3. | Horses, Ponies, Asses & Mules. | 24th December, 1902.  |
| 4. | Nuisances.                     | 26th May, 1925.       |
| 5. | Slaughter Houses.              | 23rd September, 1932. |
| 6. | Tents, Vans & Sheds.           | 12th April, 1933.     |
| 7. | Cemetery.                      | 12th April, 1933.     |
| 8. | Building Bye-Laws.             | 23rd May, 1939.       |
| 9. | Cemetery (Amendment)           | 17th September, 1946. |



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Notifiable Diseases during the year 1948.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Ad- mitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	9	6	0
Diphtheria	1	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Other diseases generally noti- fiable.			
(a) Measles	78	0	0
(b) Whooping Cough	25	0	0





Diphtheria Immunisation.

Number of Children at 31st December, 1948, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1934.

Age at 31.12.48. i.e. Born in Year.	Under 1 1948	1 1947	2 1946	3 1945	4 1944	5 to 9 1939-1943	10 to 14 1934-1938	Total Under 15
No. Immunised.	1	50	29	21	41	91	—	235
Estimated mid- year child population 1948.	Children under 5					Children 5 - 14		1099
	434					665		

In addition to the above in respect of which particulars have been recorded on cards by general practitioners or at the clinic, 109 children were immunised at two sessions at the County Primary School during the year.

Tuberculosis.

Four cases of pulmonary tuberculosis have been added to the register during the year, all coming to notice otherwise than by formal notification. There has been one death from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Your obedient Servant,

L.French, B.Sc., M.B., B.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

